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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

TOPIC Infantry Units in Sumperk and near Velke Losiny

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to 4 July 1951

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 19 November 1951

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to 4 July 1951, the barracks installation on the north edge of Sumperk (P 50/N 69) quartered an infantry unit whose soldiers wore red epaulets and spoke primarily Hungarian. Small units that were repeatedly observed leaving for field training usually had five AT guns on pneumatic tires with them, which were towed by Praga-RH trucks or by teams of five soldiers. Also 120-mm mortars were said to be in the barracks installation.
2. Lieutenant Colonel Frantisek Blazick was commanding officer of the unit until 1 May 1951. His successor was unknown. Other officers of the unit included Major Frantisek Novotny, political officer; Captain Gustav Stofek, supply officer; Captain Dohnal, (fnu), commanding officer of one company; Captain Frantisek Petrik, commanding officer of another company, who was transferred with his unit to the western border area in the fall of 1950; and Staff Captain Karel Bouse, who was detached as commanding officer to a motor transport company in the Nymburk (O 51/G 20) area. One Lieutenant Colonel Mahler, (fnu), supervised the construction of military buildings in Sumperk. \*
3. According to the chief of the youth welfare organization in the district, a sanatorium for children east of Velke Losiny (P 51/N 60) was placed under military administration and occupied by a unit of soldiers wearing red epaulets. \*\*
4. On 1 May 1951, the Moravostav firm was established in Olomouc. (P 50/N 85) to construct military and strategic installations exclusively. This firm, with the help of construction soldiers, built a secret installation near Mt. Praded (Altvater) (P 51/N 70). Drivers stated that it was a radar station. It was not completed by June. The construction of a fuel depot about 1 km north of Jesenik (P 51/N 72) was started in December 1950. Residents believed that it was a military installation because the project was kept so secret.

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[REDACTED] Comment. In June 1951, an armored unit and an infantry unit were reported to be located in the barracks installation on the north edge of Sumperk.

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[REDACTED]. According to previous reports, the 13th Itz Inf Bn, subordinate to the infantry brigade of the Tank Corps, is carried in Sumperk. The unit mentioned in the present report probably is that battalion, since a Colonel Blazicek, (fnu), was reported to be commander of the infantry unit in Sumperk in March 1950. He may be the Colonel Blazick, (fnu), mentioned in the present report. [REDACTED]

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~~Comment.~~ A report of June 1951 indicated that an unidentified infantry unit was in the hutment in Velke Losiny.

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